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Page 3, third paragraph after BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING, as follows:

[Fig. 3 is a diagram] Figs. 3A-3C are respective diagrams showing a relation between a roll position and an amount of edge drop.

Page 3, sixth paragraph after BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING, as follows:

Fig. 6 is [a] an upper view of a rolling mill showing a drive mechanism according to the invention for moving rolls in the roll axis directions.

Page 16, fourth paragraph as follows:

[Fig. 3 shows] Figures 3A-3C show an example result of edge drop control in one embodiment of the invention. Symbol E represents an amount of edge drop. In this example, the edge drop amount is a difference between the strip thickness at a position 100 mm from the strip widthwise edge and the strip thickness at a position 10 mm from the strip widthwise edge.

That is, the edge drop amount indicates by how much the strip thickness 10 mm from the widthwise edge. Symbol 8w in the figure denotes a work roll position, which in this case is a distance in the roll axis direction between the start point of the tapered portion of the work roll and the widthwise edge of the material on the tapered portion side. That is, the symbol 8w represents the distance in the roll axis direction (strip width direction) between the position D (start point of the tapered portion of the work roll) and the position H (widthwise edge of the material on the tapered portion side) in Fig. 1 and also the distance in the roll axis direction (strip width direction) between the position G and the position F in Fig. 1.